

SENATE RESOLUTION 309

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 25, 2008, as National Missing Children's Day.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to join in the recognition of national days of importance; and

WHEREAS, May 25 is one such date, as it is recognized annually as National Missing Children's Day; and

WHEREAS, National Missing Children's Day has been observed since 1983, when it was first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan; the date was chosen because it was on the twenty-fifth of May 1979, that six-year-old Etan Patz disappeared from a New York street corner; and

WHEREAS, his disappearance gained national attention and now, three decades later, has come to symbolize the pain and anguish suffered by thousands of families whose children have gone missing; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this Body join in recognizing this important day; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize May 25, 2008, as National Missing Children's Day, encourage all citizens of Tennessee to make child safety a top priority, and offer our support and encouragement to all those families that have suffered the loss of a missing child.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.